

Safety Recommendation A-70-6

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued Safety Recommendation A-70-6 to the Federal Aviation Administration on January 23, 1970, as a result of the NTSB's public hearing on mid-air collisions at airports using standard traffic patterns. At the hearing, the Board reviewed the testimony of spokesmen from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the National Air Transportation Conference and noted the trend towards an increasing number of airports having their own special traffic patterns. This growing lack of uniformity was considered confusing to general aviation pilots and seemed to contribute to the risk of midair collisions. It was appreciated that unusual airport conditions, did in some instances, warrant special traffic patterns. The text of Safety Recommendation A-70-6 is as follows:

To the Federal Aviation Administration: The Board recommended that the FAA convene a government/industry meeting to specifically examine the factors involved in establishing the need for standard traffic patterns.